

Press Release City of Edmonds

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Applications Still Being Accepted for City of Edmonds Diversity Commission

Deadline is September 30th

(Edmonds - WA) -- Edmonds residents interested in serving on the City's new Diversity Commission are encouraged to apply soon. Application deadline is September 30, 2015. Ideal applicants will be interested in working on issues associated with the changing demographics of our community, can respect different views, are action oriented, and have some personal experience that will contribute to a rich and diverse body of commissioners.

The purpose of the Commission is to promote an environment that accepts, celebrates, and appreciates diversity within the community. The nine-member volunteer advisory Commission will:

- serve as a resource for City government and the community by providing information, education, and communication that facilitates a better understanding and celebrates our differences;
- provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council that would identify opportunities to address
 diversity issues, promote diversity programs, and/or provide guidance to create a more accessible, safe,
 welcoming and inclusive government and community; and
- assist the City of Edmonds in supporting and challenging all areas of government and the community to eliminate and prevent all forms of discrimination.

As the Commission is formed, initial members will be appointed for staggered terms of one, two, or three years, with terms running three years thereafter. Commissioners will likely attend several meetings between appointment and the end of this year in order to develop a work plan for 2016. Moving forward, it is expected that Commissioners will attend an average of one meeting per month. Participation in and/or attendance at related programs and activities will also be likely on a sporadic basis. The schedule for regular monthly meetings will be determined by the new Commissioners.

To apply: Apply online by clicking "application" after the Diversity Commission listed at the following City

webpage: http://www.edmondswa.gov/boards-commissions-committees-openings.html

Or obtain an application by contacting City Hall directly:

E-mail: cindi.cruz@edmondswa.gov

Phone: 425.775.7724

City Hall: First Floor Reception 121 5th Avenue North Edmonds, WA

Application forms may be returned as indicated on the form by September 30.